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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know why the Government are not prepared to furnish the information ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Because the recommendations made by the President of the District Board are of a confidential nature."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Under what rules or laws ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is very difficult to make recommendations when everybody is going to know every recommendation that is made."

Alleged delay in the payment of salaries to taluk boards teachers in the Salem and South Arcot.

* 1543 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the teachers in the service of the taluk boards of Salem and South Arcot are not paid their salaries regularly ;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the salaries are not paid even by the end of next month;

(c) whether the Government will call for information from the teachers and the taluk boards and take necessary action against the delay in disbursement ; and

(d) whether the District Collectors of the respective districts or the Government have received any representation from the teachers of the taluk boards complaining about the late payment of salaries and what action was taken thereon ?

A.—(a) The Government received a report from the Director of Public Instruction stating that salaries to teachers were not paid promptly by the Sankari Taluk Board. They have no information in regard to the other taluk boards.

(b) In the case of the Sankari Taluk Board there has been a delay of a month in respect of some payments.

(c) The Government have called for information from the Presidents of the District Boards.

(d) The Government have not received any representations. They are not aware whether the Collectors of the concerned districts have received any. The information has been called for.

Principle underlying the nomination of minority and backward communities.

* 1544 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there is any principle or principles followed by the Government in the Local Self-Government Department in regard to the recognition and classification of communities as minorities and backward classes for the purpose of nominations to district boards and municipalities ?

A.—The Government have not attempted to classify backward or minority communities.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know the reason why Government have not attempted this very necessary task, necessary at least so long as nominations continue ?"